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In re the application of:

Carol Rines et al

Serial No. 09/039,176

Group Art: 2652

Filed: March 13, 1998

Examiner: Davis, D.

For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR EXPANDING FUNCTIONALITY OF
VEHICLE CASSETTE TAPE-PLAYER DECKS TO PERMIT DICTATION OR
OTHER RECORDING AND AUTOMATIC REMOTE STATION RELAYING
OF THE SAME

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Replying to the final rejection of October 18, 2002, please enter the very minor
amendments to the claims that merely eliminate redundancy and improve clarity,
without introducing any new issue.

In The Claims

[Please amend claim 28 as follows:]

28. (Amended) In a driver-operated vehicle provided with a steering wheel region, vehicle
radio entertainment deck components, and a vehicle cellular radio telephone for use by a
driver in the vehicle, apparatus for enabling said driver, while seated at the steering wheel
region of the vehicle, to access a predetermined component of the entertainment deck and also
to access the cellular radio telephone, all in a diversionless manner with full attention to
driving, said apparatus comprising separate control switches for turning said components on
and off; a further control switch for enabling the activating and deactivating of the cellular
radio telephone; and voice-controlled switching means programmed with a plurality of
predesignated voice commands for operation of said predetermined component and also of the

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